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ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND ITALY RELATING TO THE QUESTION OF THE "FLAVIO GIOIA"

EMBASSY OF ITALY,
PARIS, *May 24, 1886.*

To His Excellency M. F. de P. Mateus,

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Colombia, Paris.

Mr. Minister: Referring to the verbal explanations exchanged between us relating to the Buenaventura incident, and before signing the protocol for the settlement of other questions pending between our two countries, conformably to the instructions I have received, I repeat the assurance that any infringement upon the treaties in force or upon the territorial sovereignty of Colombia would be considered as altogether contrary to the orders and intentions of the King's government.

On the other hand, the Colombian Government declares through you, as its organ, that it reposes full confidence in the uprightness of the King's government for the decision that may be rendered by the competent authorities of Italy regarding the acts of Captain Cobianchi. In accordance with the regulations in force, that officer should furnish to the superior naval council all information concerning his cruise while commanding the *Flavio Gioia.*

The King's government agrees, conformably to the request of Colombia, to lay also before said court the documents which form the basis of the Republic's complaints against that officer of our navy.

Please to accept, and, etc., etc.,

L. F. MENABREA.

LEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA,
PARIS, *May 24, 1886.*

H. E. General Count Menabrea,

Marquis de Val Dora, Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of H. M. the King of Italy.

Mr. Ambassador: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of this date, in which your excellency, referring to the verbal

explanations exchanged between us, relating to the Buenaventura incident, and before signing the protocol for the settlement of the other questions pending between our two countries, has been pleased, conformably to his instructions, to repeat the assurance that any infringement upon the treaties in force or upon the territorial sovereignty of Colombia would be considered as altogether contrary to the orders and intentions of the King's government.

I am also authorized to declare that the Colombian Government has full confidence in the uprightness of his majesty's government in the decision that may be rendered by the competent authorities of Italy upon the acts of Captain Cobianchi, who, in conformity with the regulations in force, should place before the superior naval council every information concerning his cruise while commanding the *Flavio Gioia.* It is understood that the King's government, in accordance with the request made by Colombia, agrees also to lay before said superior court the documents which form the basis of the Republic's complaints against that officer of your navy.

Be pleased, etc., etc.,

F. DE P. MATEUS.

PROTOCOL BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND ITALY ESTABLISHING THE BASIS FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE CERRUTI CLAIM

Paris, May 24, 1886

The Governments of Italy and of Colombia, having settled by means of diplomatic notes the questions pending between the two countries which were not to be included in the friendly mediation offered by the Government of his Catholic Majesty, and desiring, as regards the other questions, to establish clearly, precisely, and positively the bases for said mediations:

H. E. General Count de Menabrea, Marquis de Val Dora, ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of H. M. the King of Italy near the Government of the French Republic, of the one part, and H. E. Don F. de P. Mateus, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Colombia near the Government of the French Republic, of the other part thereunto duly authorized, have signed *ad referendum* the present protocol to be submitted immediately after approval by their governments, to the Government of his C. Majesty.